country and has an effect on agricultural production. However, it is not possible to precisely quantify the loss on production of foodgrains due to drought.

(d) To increase production and develop agriculture in different parts of the country in future, the Government has decided to switch over from the conventional Schematic approach to Macro Management mode for providing assistance to States. The scheme envisages integration of 27 schemes into one scheme for supplementation/complementation of States' efforts through work plans which will give flexibility to States to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture.

Agricultural Development in Assam

3793. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance given by Government for starting various Agricultural Development works in Assam during the last three years; and
- (b) the project-wise details thereof, along with the projects started by the State Governments, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Allocation under various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in Assam for the last three years is as under:—

Year	Allocation (Rs. Lakh)
1997-98	449.14
1998-99	881.41
1999-2000	1255.67

⁽b) The list of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in Assam is annexed as statement.

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Statement

Central Sector / Centrally Sponsored Schemes under which financial assistance was sanctioned to Assam

SI. No. Name of the Schemes

- *1. Integrated Cereals Development Programme—Rice.
- *2. Special Jute Development Programme.
- 3. National Pulses Development Project.
- 4. Oilseed Production Programme.
- 5. Accelerated Maize Development Programme.
- *6. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas.
- *7. Scheme for foundation & Certified Seed Production of Vegetable Crops.
- *8. Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among Small Farmers.
- 9. Exchange of Farmers within the country.
- 10. Strengthening Agricultural Extension in North-Eastern States.
- 11. Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas.
- *12. State Land Use Board.
- *13. Use of Plastics in Agriculture.
- *14. Development of Commercial Floriculture.
- *15. Development of Mushroom.
- *16. Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits.
- *17. Development of Root & Tuber Crops.
- *18. Development of Vegetables.
- *19. Development of Spices.
- *20. Assistance of Weaker Section Cooperatives.
- *21. Assistance to Women Cooperatives.
- 22. National Project on Development & Use of Bio-fertilizer.
- 23. Agriculture Census.

^{*}These Schemes have since come under Macro-Management Mode.